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HERSETH SANDLIN ANNOUNCES OVER \$1M IN LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE CONTINGENCY FUNDING FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

Washington, DC-Today, Rep. Herseth Sandlin announced that the Department of Health and Human Services has released \$1,457,670 in contingency funding through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Of this amount, the State of South Dakota will receive \$1,198,496 and tribes in South Dakota will receive \$259,174. The mission of LIHEAP is to assist low income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, primarily in meeting their immediate home energy needs.

"Already this winter, South Dakotans have endured dangerous blizzard conditions, but winter is far from over," Rep. Herseth Sandlin said. "As seniors and working families across our state struggle to make ends meet during tough economic times, I'm pleased that these contingency funds have been released. These resources will help to keep South Dakotans safe and healthy during the winter months ahead."

Earlier this month, Rep. Herseth Sandlin joined a bipartisan coalition in writing President Obama requesting that the Administration act quickly to release contingency LIHEAP funds approved in late 2009 as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act. To see a copy of this letter, click [here](#)

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